

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No: 10/582,266
Applicants: Michael Chorney *et al.*
Filed: June 9, 2006
Title: SUSTAINED RELEASE PREPARATIONS COMPOSED OF BIOCOMPATIBLE
COMPLEX MICROPARTICLES
T.C./A.U.: 1656
Examiner: Anand U. Desai
Confirmation No.: 1341
Docket No.: RCHP-101US

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of June 15, 2007.

The Examiner requires that claims of the either the claims of Group I, claims 1-36, or the claims of Group II, claims 37-47 be elected for prosecution.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-36, drawn to a particle comprising a complex formed by a bioactive agent and a complexing agent, provided that the bioactive agent is other than a polynucleotide and an oligonucleotide. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants elect the following species for initial examination:

- a) bioactive agent - growth factor - PDGF (platelet-derived growth factor)
- b) complexing agent - dextran
- c) matrix - biodegradable polymer

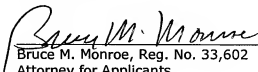
The following elected claims are believed to be readable on the elected species: 1-36.

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The Examiner is invited to phone applicants' attorney if it is believed that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,


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